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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Political-Economic Research on Developing Countries

The Office of Current Intelligence at CIA has increased its coverage of the developing states and their relations with industrialized countries. The focus of most research carried out by OCI on these subjects has been political but, of necessity, has concerned itself with economic policy issues. In particular OCI has focused on factors affecting the solidarity of the developing countries in the various international forums where they have presented their demands to the industrialized states.

OCI has also studied the degree of policy coordination among the industrialized countries in dealing with the developing countries and the policy reaction of the industrialized states to US policy toward the developing states.

OCI will continue to study and report on political-economic factors influencing the relations among the developing states as well as on internal political factors which may affect individual national policies. OCI will also continue its cooperation with OER in both the preparation of current intelligence and long-term research on these subjects.

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